



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Apr 3, 2022 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming** and a **Sanctuary** congregation.



We believe that all people are children of God; that persons of all ages, races and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church.

*Creemos que todas las personas son hijas e hijos de Dios; que personas de todas las edades, razas y orientaciones sexuales son parte de nuestra cultura diversa. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas al ministerio de esta iglesia.*

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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The “+” indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

**OPENING MUSIC | A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar (See p. 3-4 for lyrics) |  
Dr. Jessie Lo**

**WELCOME & UPDATE | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**OPENING PRAYER | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser**

**BIBLE READING | John 12:1-8 | [\[Español\]](#) | Pastor Nadia Tavera**

**MESSAGE | “Scandalous Grace” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**HYMN | Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross) | *NCH*, No. 199, vs. 1 & 4**

**OFFERING INVITATION | Pastor Pepper**

(Offerings are received through the Planning Center (PC) app & at the door as you leave worship today. Scan the QR Code to be directed to the secure PC giving portal.)



**OFFERTORY | O Lamb of God Most Holy | Nikolaus Decius |  
Dr. Jessie Lo**

### **BILINGUAL SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Candlelighting & Introduction | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Nadia**

**Blessing Prayer | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Nadia**

**Words of Remembrance | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Nadia**

**Distribution of the Elements | Pastor Pepper & Pastor Nadia & Deacons**

**Anthem | Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying | Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader, Nico Jaochico - Guest Soloist**

**Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Pepper & Pastor Marvin**

**Lord's Prayer | Unison**

**BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**CLOSING MUSIC | My Faith Looks Up to Thee | Palmer/Mason | Jessie Lo**

**THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE | See the video screens upfront**

**GO IN PEACE**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister & Video Editor*

*Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Pastor Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Assistant Minister*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Eden Church Choir*

*Ruby Gutierrez & Stephanie S. Spencer, Deacons*

*Susan MacDonald, Greeter-Usher*

*Daniella Prym, Trustee On Duty*

### 201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar, by  
2 A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by  
3 Though wom - an - wis - dom, wom - an - truth, for  
4 The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, by

Love's di-vine ap-point-ing. With rare per-fume she  
Love's di-vine com-mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she  
cen-tu-ries were hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten  
Love's di-vine or-dain-ing, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre-sid-ing and a-  
preached the Word, a-ris-ing from sub-  
and un-heard, de-rid-ed and for-  
serve and lead, their powers and gifts un-

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noint-ing. A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar, the  
mis-sion. A faith-ful wom - an left a tomb, with  
bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire, on  
chain-ing. The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, from

sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she  
res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she  
free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-  
wom-en, men, and child-ren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing.  
preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles.  
vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing.  
serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!

## FLOWER DEDICATION

*Happy 18th Birthday Miles Vetrovec*

*For more info and to sign up to bring flowers for a specific Sunday, click the [link](#) to go to our new Online Flower Calendar or call the Office at (510) 582-9533.*

## **LENTEN EVENTS: "IN THE GARDEN"**

**In the Garden 3: Saturday, Apr 16 (Holy Saturday) at 10 am**, we will gather on the Church's front patio to arrange and display flowers, either purchased or from your own garden. Arrangements will be displayed on Easter Sunday. Please bring three to five "statement" blooms as well as a variety of greens and other items. Floral foam, wire, and tape will be available as well as some vases. Please RSVP to [Pastor Pepper](#).

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Please join us for worship during Holy Week and for Easter Sunday. Our services will be in-person and will also be livestreamed and recorded for later viewing.

- On **Sunday, Apr 10 at 10 am**, we will celebrate **Palm Sunday** and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We offer both baptism and the reception of new members on this Sunday. If you are interested in baptizing your child or joining us as a member, please contact [Pastor Arlene](#). There will also be a palm procession & fellowship.
- Our **Maundy Thursday** worship will begin at **7 pm** in Sanctuary on **Thursday, Apr 14** and include a homily, congregational and choral music, and the celebration of the Last Supper. Participate in this ancient ritual of remembering Christ's final evening with his disciples, and his great commandment that we love and serve one another.
- A bilingual guided **Good Friday Labyrinth Walk** will be held **Friday, Apr 15** in the Eden Church Courtyard at **6 pm**. A brief introduction to this ancient, ecumenical, and cross-cultural prayer practice will be provided by Pastor Marvin.
- Holy Week culminates with the most sacred of celebrations in the Christian faith - the festival of **Easter** - on **Sunday, Apr 17 at 10 am**. Come as you are to participate in worship and Holy Communion. Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be a family affair. Children will hunt the entire campus in their family group to ensure social distancing & mask wearing. And because when you have the world's hardest Easter egg hunt, the eggs are not in plain sight.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

**English Language Bible Study:** Our Daytime Bible Study is beginning their study of the Book of Esther on **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom. The Evening Bible Study will continue their study of Esther on **Monday, Apr 11 at 7 pm** on Zoom. Please join either group as we explore who Esther was and how she was called to help her people.

**Children's Storytime:** Storytime continues on Zoom from 9:15 to 9:45 am every Sunday. Children Pre-K and up are welcome to join us for a story about people in the Bible or a storybook touching on Christian themes, and games and prayers.

**Estudio Biblico:** Our Bible Study in Spanish is every Thursday at 6 pm. To join, send an email to [Pastor Nadia](#) or [Pastor Marvin](#). We are exploring the books of Esdras and Acts of the Apostles.

**COVID-19 Testing** at 20095 Mission Blvd remains open. To make an appointment, click [here](#).

**Comida para Cherryland:** Comida para Cherryland now serves the community as a drive-through distribution center. Please consider a donation or forward this information to anyone who is looking for a way to help local residents in need of groceries. Since the COVID-19 crisis unfurled, participation in the Comida has expanded geographically and clients served has tripled, due to widespread unemployment and the closure of other area food pantries.

**Cherryland Computer Café Hours: Physical location CLOSED until otherwise noted.** To schedule online tutoring with Ms. Samantha, go to our [Facebook page](#).

**Church Center:** Church Center is our centralized member and community tool for digital connection. It's available for download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Register with your mobile number, and request to join the groups that you are already a part of or that you would like to be a part of. See Pastor Marvin for more details.

**Eden UCC Mobile Alerts:** Be in the know wherever you go! Church Center now allows SMS text messaging, so we are transitioning from Textedly to Church Center (by Planning Center) for text messaging services to be utilized for urgent updates. No action is needed on your part other than to keep your mobile number and carrier updated in your Church Center profile section. Thanks for making sure we're always connected!

## JOYS

**Many thanks to our Lenten Gardeners** who have cleaned up, pruned, and planted new perennials in the courtyard garden last Sunday after worship!

**Fiber Optic Cable** is being installed on our campus, so that we can livestream our in-person worship from our Sanctuary.

**Molly Pemberton Davis & Jonathan Davis**, and big brother, **Maxwell Jonathan Davis**, welcomed **Eli Preston Davis** into their family on Mar 18, 2022.

**EUCC's & Padres Unidos ERAP (Rent & Utility Relief) Teams**, in collaboration with Centro Legal de la Rasa, have, to date, helped **1200+ families** obtain over **\$17M** in relief through the Alameda County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution last year to provide **\$65M** in rent relief for tenants who have been severely impacted economically by the pandemic.

**EUCC's Vaccination Team** completed 488 Vaccination Appointments during December 2021 to end the year with **1,292 Registrations** and their work TVHC-led Coalition, including **HARD, Kidango, Rosey's Place**, began in earnest last month.

**EUCC's Case Investigation / Contact Tracing & Resource Navigation Team** has now helped more than **10,175 community households** successfully isolate & quarantine, and has helped distribute more than **\$3 million** in financial assistance from AI Co Social Services Agency.

**EUCC's Emergency Food Distribution & Delivery Team** has now distributed more than **1,000,000 pounds** of food and cooked meals since the beginning of the pandemic!

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Countless families in our county are in need of **affordable housing**. If you have a lead on a room, an apartment, or a house to rent, please contact Pastor Arlene.

For **Afghan Refugees** who are moving into our community and country, and for the many thousands left behind who are living under the oppression of the Taliban.

For **Suzie Hasselkuss**, who is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

For **Vai DerMinasian Day** and **her extended family**, and **the people of Tonga** and their loved ones, who have suffered numerous losses resulting from volcanic eruption, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

For **Mel Lewis**, and his wife, **Lynn Albert-Lewis**. Mel is participating in six weeks of radiation treatments at Stanford University Hospital that began on January 28, 2022, following surgery on Dec 17, 2021 to remove a tumor from his palate.

Eden Church **members and friends who are sick** with the Coronavirus, and for all of us who are affected by the virus.

For **Carol Roach's** grandson, **Montana**, who suffered multiple injuries in a motorcycle accident on Feb 21, 2022.

For **Launey Rivers** and **the Rev. Rob Parrish**. Launey who had four disks removed in his neck and a spinal fusion, March 17, 2022.

For **Linda Sheppard**, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery at home.

For the family and friends of **Lillian Timm**, wife of Fred Timm, and one of Eden's Jubilee Members. Lillian died on Mar 7, 2022. Her memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Temecula, CA on April 11, 2022. Lillian and Fred joined Eden Church on Dec. 3, 1967.

For **the people of Ukraine**, and for all who are striving to protect, defend, and accompany them through Putin's invasion.

For **Vicente Flores** who continues to receive chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Apr 3

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online  
10:00—10:45 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary  
11:30 — 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | Music Room & Online

### Tuesday, Apr 5

10:00 — 12:00 n Trustees | Online

### Wednesday, Apr 6

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online

### Thursday, Apr 7

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online  
6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

### Sunday, Apr 10 — Palm Sunday

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online  
10:00—10:45 am Worship & Palm Procession | Sanctuary  
11:00 — 12 noon Stewardship Meeting | Fireside  
11:30 — 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | Music Room & Online

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Apr 10 Palm Sunday  
Apr 11 Evening Bible Study  
Apr 13 Comida para Cherryland  
Apr 14 Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary (7 pm)  
Apr 15 Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, Courtyard (6 pm)  
Apr 16 In the Garden 3: Flower Arranging and Display (10 am)  
Apr 17 Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, and the World's Hardest Family  
Easter Egg Hunt (10 am)  
Apr 27 Comida para Cherryland  
Apr 30 COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up

# MISSION, VISION, & VALUES | What We Believe

## MISSION STATEMENT | What are we about here and now?

The members of Eden Church worship God and strive to follow Christ's example by providing a welcoming and safe environment for all, seeking God's wisdom, growing spiritually, caring for each other, enriching our neighborhood, and sharing the good news of God's creative and unfolding work in the world.



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## VISION STATEMENT | What do we want to become in the next 3 to 5 years?

The vision of Eden Church is to grow in spirit, fellowship, and number by offering many opportunities for spiritual growth; by becoming a more culturally diverse congregation; by strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors, by caring for each other as Christ cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's love in human action.

## VALUES STATEMENTS | What are the ideals and behaviors that we need to express to fulfill our mission and realize our vision?

In order to fulfill our mission and realize our vision, Eden Church strives to embrace and express the following core values:

- Worship and spiritual practices that are both traditional and contemporary
- Religious education and spiritual practices that are grounded in a progressive theology
- Caring relationships that honor differences and foster unity and growth
- Enriching experiences for children and youth in our church and community
- Programs and partnerships that serve those in need while addressing the root causes of social problems
- Being a true sanctuary that nurtures and protects all participants, especially the most vulnerable among us

## OFFICERS

Jennifer Vetrovec | Moderator  
Carlos Londoño | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk

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